

The
BROKEN ARROW
Ceremony

July 27, 1972

NAJU-AMOCHOL Chapter
Owasippe Lodge #7
Order of the Arrow, B.S.A.

My Brother,

The following ceremony has been a proud part of Naju-Amochol Chapter's history, but until recently it was never recorded for permanent reference. We are now releasing it in the hope that other chapters and other lodges may use the Broken Arrow Ceremony as a final tribute to deceased Arrowmen who have served cheerfully to help others. The Naju-Amochol Chapter Broken Arrow Ceremony Committee would like to extend a special thanks to the following people for their help: Clyde Heineman, Ron Sumner and Norman Jenssen.

Yours in the Arrow,

Philip C. Mlady

Philip Mlady
Chairman,

Naju-Amochol Chapter
Broken Arrow Ceremony Comm.

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This ceremony is performed at the wake with the consent of the deceased's family. It is proper that either preceeding or after the ceremony the Chapter and/or Lodge Advisor, Chapter and/or Lodge Chief and the acting Allowat Sakima and Meteu offer proper condolences to the deceased's family. All available chapter and/or lodge members in full uniform

Two Order of the Arrow sashes file into the parlor forming two lines, and descending from each end of the casket. One file is led by Meteu while the other is led by Allowat Sakima. Both officers will be in full uniform with O/A sash and will wear appropriate head dress and face paint. (Full Indian costumes are optional.) Allowat Sakima and Meteu step in front of the casket about three feet and face the mourners.

Meteu:

We are members of Naju-Amochol Chapter, Owasippe Lodge, Order of the Arrow. The Order of the Arrow is a society of Boy Scouts & Scouters who have been recognized for their outstanding devotion to the high ideals of the Scout Oath & Law. Its foundation is brotherhood in cheerful service modeled after the Delaware Indians. We have come to pay our final tribute to our departed Brother.

Allowat Sakima, Chief of the Fire, shall now relate a brief scouting history of our Brother.
(Nods or turns to Allowat Sakima)

Allowat
Sakima:

(Gives a brief scouting history of the departed brother. Information may be obtained from personal history forms or from a close fellow Scout or Scouter.)

(Nods or turns to Meteu)

Meteu:

Peace my brothers of the Arrow
of this Lodge and humble tribe,
Bear with me this obligation
to our Brother gone before us
On the trail of fulfillment.

He who camped and served among us,
He who always stood beside us,
Now has left his earthly trail
For the trail of the Great One.

Let us in our hearts and minds
Remember he who was our Brother
On the earth- But now in spirit
Remember (name) who is our Brother

(Gets the red arrow which has been held between the second and third Brother in the line to the Mourners' right. The arrow should be taken and given with both hands on the arrow at all times during transfers. Passes the arrow to the Allowat Sakima.)

Allowat

Sakima:

(Takes Arrow)

As a symbol of our Order, the Arrow has been fitly chosen. It must be straight, its points keen. Aimed high, its course is undeviated, its direction onward and upward. It therefore becomes a symbol of leadership. The breaking of this arrow, (breaks Arrow) is symbolic of the end of strife and the beginning of peace.

(Places arrow on corpse with it pointing over the right shoulder then faces the mourners.)

Metou, will you give us a prayer?

Metou:

Oh Great Master,

Hear us in our prayer this evening,
A final tribute to our Brother.
He who loved the haunts of nature,
Loved the moonlight on the water,
Loved the sunshine on the meadow,
Loved the shadow of the forest,
Loved the wind among the branches,
Loved the rushing of great rivers,
Loved the thunder of the mountains,
And all of Nature in its splendor,

Found in Nature his duty to Man,
And pledged himself to cheerful service,
Serving the Master and the Man.

Rest Brother, we've known you well indeed
And now in peace you'll sleep.
You've done your work and done it well,
So none of us need weep.
In Scouting we will miss your smile.
And your friendly handclasp,
But God will guide your steps aright
And point the way for you.

Let us pause for a moment of silence, that each
of us may pray in his own fashion.

(Pause of appropriate Length)

So May it be.

(Allowat Sakima & Meteu then lead their respective
lines past the casket simultaneously and file out of
the parlor.)